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SETTING UP OF THERMAL POWER STATION IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision was taken in 1998 to set up a thermal power station at North Karanpura in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its present status;

(c) the reasons for delay in the construction of the said project; and

(d) the time by which the construction work is likely to start and be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) : North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project of 1980 MW in Jharkhand state had been identified as a Mega Project in the revised Mega Power Policy of Government of India issued in November, 1998.

Various site-specific studies/investigations were undertaken and the Feasibility Report for North Karanpura Super Thermal Power Project (3x660 MW) near Tandwa in Chatra and Hazaribagh districts was prepared in 2001. Subsequently, CMPDIL/Ministry of Coal advised about coal bearing area in the proposed plant layout and the locations of plant, ash dyke and township had to be revised to avoid the coal bearing area. To incorporate the above changes, Feasibility Report was revised and approval obtained from NTPC Board`s Sub-committee in December, 2005. All key statutory clearances/commitments in respect of Power Plant including environment clearance from Ministry of Environment and Forests (MOEF) have since been obtained. Land acquisition proceedings have been taken up. The Forest Clearance from State Government is awaited.

For supply of water to the power project, State Government of Bihar/Jharkhand had agreed to construct Dam/Reservoir on Garhi river. Environment clearance for the dam/Reservoir was received by the State Government in September, 2005. The work for dam/reservoir construction is to be taken up by the State Government for completion matching with the power project requirement.

The project is planned for benefits starting in XI Plan period.